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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants are in receipt of the final Office Action dated May 19, 2006 ("the Office Action"). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as indicated below and consider the remarks that follow. As August 19, 2006, was a Saturday, it is believed that this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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